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From: Victor Simon
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2009 11:39 AM
To: Pamela Ann Harrod
Subject: FW: Burma Blood Profits and Ottawa U event Wed Dec 5th

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From: Victor Simon
 Sent: Friday November 30, 2007 8:33 AM
 To: Gilles Patry; Bruce Feldthusen
 Subject: Re: Burma Blood Profits and Ottawa U event Wed Dec 5th

Gilles, Bruce, I can't stop thinking that we should prohibit the use of our facilities for this event, on the grounds that the program material includes allegations and accusations that may be libellous. Given that the existence of this material is (was) known to uOttawa, isn't there a risk that we would be named in a libellous action? Don't we have a responsibility to mitigate this risk?

I know that this kind of thinking flies in the face of many principles we hold dear in the University world, but I think we have other interests at stake here.

Bruce, what do you think?

 Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

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From: Gilles Patry
 To: Bruce Feldthusen; Victor Simon
 Sent: Fri Nov 30 07:56:11 2007
 Subject: Re: Burma Blood Profits and Ottawa U event Wed Dec 5th

We should also try to see who made the reservations. Have they paid ? And who is behind this on our end.

Gilles

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From: Bruce Feldthusen
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Plus, I think, security issues.

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From: Gilles Patry
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2007 7:53 AM
To: Bruce Feldthusen; Victor Simon; Robert Major
Subject: Re: Burma Blood Profits and Ottawa U event Wed Dec 5th

Can't believe this.

Might be a bit too late to do anything about it.

We should monitor to see if they are exposing themselves with libellous comments.

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From: Bruce Feldthusen
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I assume you received this? Nice of us to let them use the Desmarais building.

Bruce Feldthusen

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From: mcleod kevin [mailto:mcleod_kevin@yahoo.ca]
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BURMA Blood Profits:

Was Ottawa U's new Desmarais building paid for with cash tainted by the blood of innocent Burmese citizens?

Presented by the Canadian Friends of Burma www.cfob.org

When: Wed December 5th, 7pm

Where: Desmarais Building Room # 1140

55 Laurier Avenue East, University of Ottawa Main Campus

Main Speaker: Ka Hsaw Wa Co-Founder Earth Rights International and investigator into human rights abuses during the construction of the Total/UNOCAL Yadana natural gas pipeline. He will speak on the devastating impact to Burma from Total's partnership with Burma's violent dictatorship. Ka Hsaw Wa's investigation was the basis for the landmark lawsuit by villagers from Burma against UNOCAL for forced labour and human rights violations.

Also speaking will be Kevin McLeod and Tin Maung Htoo from the Canadian Friends of Burma.

Funding for the University of Ottawa's new 12 storey Desmarais building came in part from a \$15 million donation from billionaire Paul G. Desmarais, whom the building was named after. Mr. Desmarais, patriarch of the family that controls Power Corp. served on the board of the French Oil conglomerate Total from January 1999 till May 2002 when he gave his seat to his son Paul Desmarais Jr. Power Corp. continues to own a significant share of Total. Total is infamous for its involvement in a pipeline in Burma in which it partnered with the Burmese military and UNOCAL. Construction of the pipeline caused severe environmental destruction, the forced relocation of thousands and benefited from child and forced labor provided by the very same villagers who were forced at gun point to leave their homes.

For reports on Total's shameful role in Burma go here

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